Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* There are schools which are not in receipt of any grant at all. They are entirely dependent upon fee income and such other contributions which the managers make from their own pockets.

Demand put and carried

13. Rs. 175—under "14—Education—Secondary Boys —Stipends and Scholarships (Cranganur)"

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 175 under "14—Education—Secondary Boys—Stipends and Scholarships (Cranganur)". There was a provision of a little over Rs. 500 in the Budget for the grant of stipends and scholarships, but our estimate with regard to the number of pupils who will be entitled to receive these stipends and scholarships proved to be too small and we find that there is an actual increase in the number of such beneficiaries. Therefore, an additional sum of Rs. 175 is required to pay stipends and scholarships for the current year. I therefore request that the House may be pleased to sanction this small additional allotment.

Demand put and carried

14. Rs. 63,000 under "28—A—Civil Engineering".

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 63,000 under "28—A—Civil Engineering". This large amount is necessary to finance the construction of groynes on the coast line between Mattancheri and Chellanam. For some years past this coast line has been subjected to considerable erosion and valuable cocoanut trees have been washed off by the sea. This place is thickly populated and we were spending small amounts, say Rs. 3,000 or Rs. 4,000 each year. But that has only touched the fringe of the problem. Although it definitely saved the places where the groynes were constructed it is now deemed desirable to take up a lengthy coast line and an estimate has been prepared to protect one mile of coast line and this amount is necessary to do one mile of the coast line. The estimate was prepared and it was got scrutinised by the Administrative Officer, Mr. Milne, who is an expert in the matter and it is through his advice that we have prepared this estimate. I, therefore, request the House may be pleased to grant the amount.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I would like to have a little more detail. May I know where the groynes are going to be constructed?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):* It is one mile in length and a little to the south of the Andikadavu church opposite to Chellanam. We did two groynes two years ago about a couple of miles to the north of the southern extremity of Chellanam. This is in continuation of it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether our P. W. D. is conducting the work?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. President: He explained that it is intended to protect one mile of coast line at the narrowest portion where there is the possibility of a break at some future date. The Administrative Officer proposed overlapping groynes while the Chief Engineer proposed groynes with gaps in between. With the approval of the Administrative Officer it is proposed to provide overlapping groynes for half the distance and spanogroynes for the other half and to complete the work before the monsoon. He will examine the effect of the monsoon on these two half-miles, before constructing further groynes. In all it may be necessary to protect some 7 or 8 miles of coast, so the eventual cost will be considerable. The work will be done as quickly and as cheaply as possible consistent with efficiency. We were fortunate in getting the services of Mr. Milne free of cost and he took considerable trouble in advising us on this important matter. I have myself visited the area and I have been satisfied that the need is urgent, as much valuable land has been lost and many cocoanut trees have been destroyed during the last 20 years by the erosion of the sea.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government aware that groynes have been put up for the protection of the Harbour works?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):* This has nothing to do with the Harbour.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The question arises if the Cochin Harbour is in danger of being amalgamated with the Sea by this narrow strip being eroded by sea. Then I think the question arises whether for the protection of the Harbour a portion of this expenditure must be borne by the other partners as well. If it is only for the mere protection of our State we must bear the whole burden.

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Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* In what capacity was the Administrative Officer consulted?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):* He is an expert.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it only on account of being an expert?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it because the Harbour is interested that the Administrative Officer was consulted?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):* No. No. I may say the strip of land between the sea and the backwater is about a mile or at least not less than half a mile in breadth and there is very little chance of the sea breaking into the backwater. Therefore, the question of asking the Harbour to pay contribution is rather far-fetched.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* The only question is whether the Harbour authorities are interested in this? If so, is not the Harbour also liable to contribute a portion of this expenditure?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):* There is no liability. The Harbour is not in any affected nor is the Harbour benefited by this.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has the question been considered?

Mr. President: I have looked into the question.

Demand put and carried

15. Rs. 2,150—under "31—Industries—Reserved—C. G. T. School, Trichur—Workshop Equipment"

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,150 under "31—Industries Reserved—C. G. T. School, Trichur—Workshop Equipment".

This amount is required for training war technicians in our G. T. School. This has been scrutinised by the Standing Finance Committee.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* War technicians to be sent for war service?

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